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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0396

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAG FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON RHODESIA

1. FONMIN MULLER TOLD AMBASSADOR AUGUST 1 THAT SAG HOPED RHODESIAN PM IAN SMITH WOULD RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANC. MAJOR REASON SMITH HAD CALLED ELECTION WAS TO DEMONSTRATE TO RHODESIAN BLACKS THAT SMITH GOVERNMENT TRULY REPRESENTED WHITE OPINION IN RHODESIA.

2. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND HER TERRITORIES HAD IN EFFECT TAKEN INITIATIVE AWAY FROM SMITH. WHATEVER SMITH TRIED TO DO TO BRING ANC BACK TO NEGOTIATING TABLE WAS LIKELY TO BE REJECTED BY ANC.

3. MULLER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA NO LONGER PREPARED TO TALK TO SMITH ALONG LINES THEY WERE TALKING BEFORE. MOREOVER IT CLEAR ANC WOULD NOT RPT NOT PARTICI-
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PATE IN CONFERENCE, WHICH SMITH HAS PROPOSED,

BETWEEN RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL
AFRICAN GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY. SOUTH AFRICA VERY MUCH AWARE
THAT TIME IS RUNNING AGAINST RHODESIAN WHITES. AND, MULLER
SAID, SAG HAS EMPHASIZED THIS TO SMITH.

4. SMITH MIGHT, AS PRESS HAS REPORTED, BE COMING TO SA
SOON FOR VACATION, BUT MULLER WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER SMITH
WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.
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